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Cal Poly's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Receives \$1 Million Gift

San Luis Obispo - The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Cal Poly recently received \$1 million from the Bernard Osher Foundation. The gift will create a permanent endowment to support the organization.

Including this gift, the Bernard Osher Foundation has contributed a total of \$1.3 million to support Cal Poly's OLLI.

OLLI is a membership organization within the Continuing Education and University Outreach Department that caters to individuals who are 50 years old and older, and who are interested in lifelong learning. The institute offers more than 40 programs, lectures, seminars, and classes three terms a year on a multitude of subjects, from history and music to lighthouse hikes and computer classes.

The program began in 2003, and has grown to more than 550 members. Membership is \$60 per term and includes registration in up to five different programs per term, and more as space allows.

"We extend a heartfelt thank-you to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Osher, whose belief in lifelong learning, and the power of tying universities to their communities, goes unsurpassed," said Dennis "Skip" Parks, dean of continuing education and university outreach. "This very generous gift will help ensure the continuation of the Cal Poly Osher Lifelong Learning Institute long into the future."

The Bernard Osher Foundation is a member of Continuing Education's Community and Corporate Partners Program and supports the Osher Reentry Scholarship Program, which provides financial aid to adult students completing their undergraduate degrees through Continuing Education's Adult Degree Program.

For more information about becoming a member of OLLI or Cal Poly Continuing Education and University Outreach, call (805) 756-2053 or visit www.continuing-ed.calpoly.edu.

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